



Loudoun News

Report from Scott K. York

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

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Message from Chairman Scott K. York



Dear Friends:

As of the writing of this newsletter the Board of Supervisors was recently presented with the draft County Zoning Ordinance. As you know, the zoning ordinance is the vehicle through which the principles and goals of the Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted in July 2001, are to be achieved.

The Board of Supervisors and the County's Planning Commission are working together to ensure the fullest of public review prior to the adoption of the zoning ordinance. The

Board and Planning Commission will each hold their own public hearings on the zoning ordinance over the Summer.

The draft zoning ordinance is now on the County's web site for your review. Your comments and input are important. Please take the time to review the ordinance and make us aware of your comments and concerns.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and suggestions.



Scott K. York
Chairman

Virginia Supreme Court Upholds Comprehensive Plan



The Virginia Supreme Court upheld the June 2001 ruling of Loudoun Circuit Court Judge Thomas Horne dismissing a lawsuit that challenged the authority of the county planning commission to recommend approval of the County's Comprehensive Plan which was adopted in July 2001.

In its ruling of April 10 the Supreme Court found "no reversible error" in Judge Horne's opinion and denied the appeal.

The lawsuit sought to block planning commission action of the Comprehensive Plan, claiming that some members were not qualified to serve on the commission, that the County failed to complete required technical studies and that the County failed to provide required notice of the plan adoption.

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Mapping Now On-Line



What to know what a particular area is zoned? Looking for school district boundaries? Loudoun County's Geographic Information System is now on line. To take advantage of this new service, please [click here](#).

Early Heat Emphasizes Need to Conserve Water

The blast of summer-like heat this past week emphasizes the need for residents and businesses to conserve water. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides the following simple tips for all of us to follow:



- Turn off water while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Take a 3-5 minute shower instead of a bath
- Use low flow toilets and shower heads
- Check faucets for leaks
- Water lawns in early morning or late evening, instead of during the day due to high evaporation
- When watering your lawn make sure your not watering the street and sidewalk as well
- Turn off water while washing your vehicle
- Turn off lights when leaving home, school, office, or your room
- Use dishwashers and washing machines for full loads only

- Use a broom to sweep your driveway, garage or sidewalk, instead of water!

For those of us who are gardeners, the EPA also provides the following advice:

- Use drought-tolerant plants and planning placement around sun exposure.
- Use mulches for water retention, long-term fertilization and weed control.
- Improve the soil to allow for better absorption of water
- Efficient irrigation through grouping plants according to water needs.

Web Sites of Interest

Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.gov

American Water Works Association

www.waterwiser.org

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

www.deq.state.va.us